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USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 7085

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EFIN, TS

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN UNDERTAKING TO REPAY MILITARY
DEBT ON INTEREST OWED

REF: STATE 227853

1. ON NOV 18 I PRESENTED SECSTATE AT MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE, AHMED BENNOUR, WITH BILL OF PARTICULARS
CONCERNING OUTSTANDING DEBT OF \$50,799.86 OWED ON
INTEREST PAYMENTS. I STRESSED THAT WE HAD ENDEAVORED
TO FIND WAY TO SATISFY THE TUNISIAN REQUEST TO WAIVE
INTEREST PAYMENTS ALTOGETHER, BUT THAT THIS HAD
PROVED UNAVAILING. I POINTED OUT FACT THAT USG HAD
SUCCEEDED IN CALCULATING DEBT IN SUCH A MANNER AS
TO REDUCE IT FROM ORIGINAL FIGURE OF \$88,042.91.

2. AFTER CAREFULLY REVIEWING MATTER, BENNOUR SAID
WITHOUT HESITATION THAT TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
PAY DEBT. HE CALLED IN MAJOR OUSELATI, MOD LIAISON
OFFICER WITH USLOT, AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO TAKE APPRO-
PRIATE ACTION.

3. COMMENT: I ASSUME THAT FOREGOING GOT ACTION IS
SATISFACTORY TO WASHINGTON IN TERMS OF TUNISIA'S
CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR MAP GRANT ASSISTANCE.

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